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FROM: Anne M. Kornbau _____

Remarks:

Examiner Wang,

Attached is the amendment filed on February 18, 2004. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Anne M. Kornbau

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In Re Application of: Metr SHINITZKY

Art Unit: 1617

Application No.: 09/936,922

Confirmation No.: 3023

Examiner: Shengjun Wang

Filed: October 31, 2001

Washington, D.C.

For: PHARMACEUTICAL COMPOSITIONS COMPRISING...

Atty.'s Docket: SHINITZKY=5

Date: February 18, 2004

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THE COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS
Arlington, VA 22202

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a [XX] REPLY: REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION in the above-identified application.

- [] Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.
[] A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
[XX] No additional fee is required.

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

(Col. 1)			(Col. 2)		(Col. 3)	SMALL ENTITY		OR	OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY	
	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR		PRESENT EXTRA EQUALS	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE		RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
TOTAL	*	MINUS	** 20		0	x 9	\$		x 18	\$
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FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM						+ 145	\$		+ 290	\$
						ADDITIONAL FEE TOTAL	\$	OR	TOTAL	\$

- * If the entry in Col. 1 is less than the entry in Col. 2, write "0" in Col. 3.
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[XX] Conditional Petition for Extension of Time

If any extension of time for a response is required, applicant requests that this be considered a petition therefor.

- [] It is hereby petitioned for an extension of time in accordance with 37 CFR 1.136(a). The appropriate fee required by 37 CFR 1.17 is calculated as shown below:

Small Entity
Response Filed Within
[] First - \$ 55.00
[] Second - \$ 210.00
[] Third - \$ 475.00
[] Fourth - \$ 740.00
Month After Time Period Set

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[] First - \$ 110.00
[] Second - \$ 420.00
[] Third - \$ 950.00
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Month After Time Period Set

[] Less fees (\$) already paid for month(s) extension of time on

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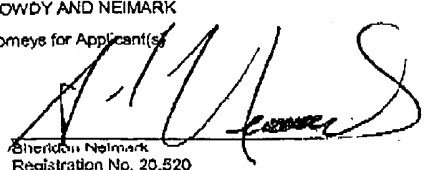
[] Credit Card Payment Form, PTO-2038, is attached, authorizing payment in the amount of \$

[] A check in the amount of \$ is attached (check no.).

[XX] The Commissioner is hereby authorized and requested to charge any additional fees which may be required in connection with this application or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-4035. This authorization and request is not limited to payment of all fees associated with this communication, including any Extension of Time fee, not covered by check or specific authorization, but is also intended to include all fees for the presentation of extra claims under 37 CFR \$1.16 and all patent processing fees under 37 CFR \$1.17 throughout the prosecution of the case. This blanket authorization does not include patent issue fees under 37 CFR \$1.18.

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Crystal Plaza Two, Lobby, Room 1B03
Honorable Commissioner for Patents
Arlington, Virginia 22202

Sir:

The Final Office Action of November 19, 2003, has been carefully reviewed. The claims in the application remain as claims 1-8, 17-26 and 37, and these claims define patentable subject matter warranting their allowance. Accordingly, applicant respectfully requests favorable consideration and allowance, especially based on the interview of February 12, 2004.

Applicant wishes to thank Examiner Wang for the courtesies extended during the personal interview of February 12, 2004, attended by Mrs. Anne Kornbau, one of applicant's

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attorneys. Agreement as to the allowability of applicant's claims was reached during such interview, as indicated in the PTO "Interview Summary".

The previously nonelected claims 7 and 21-24 should now be rejoined and allowed, along with the other claims. Such is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-6, 8, 17-20, 25-26 and 37 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Chun et al in view of Piazza et al and Kobayashi et al. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Submitted herewith are copies of the following articles, which were discussed during the February 12 interview:

Kugel et al., *Journal of the American Chemical Society* 89:16, 1967;

Shinitzky et al., *European Journal of Biochemistry* 267:2547-2554, 2000.

As shown in the Kugel et al article, the five-membered rings are very prone to hydrolysis, while the six-membered rings are much less prone to hydrolysis. The rate of hydrolysis of the five-membered ring is 1000 times faster than hydrolysis of its corresponding open phosphodiester. The

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hydrolysis of the six-membered ring is at about the rate of hydrolysis for the open phosphodiester.

The Shinitzky et al article show that the six-membered ring has a biological activity ten times higher than that of the five-membered ring.

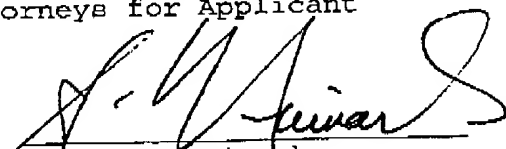
Based upon the above differences¹ between the five-membered ring and the six-membered ring, it is respectfully submitted that the six, seven, and eight membered rings, are unexpectedly different from the five-membered rings disclosed in the applied prior art.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the claims are now in condition for allowance, and favorable action thereon is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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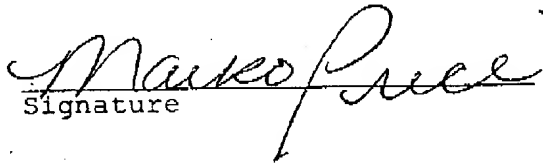
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¹ For the record, applicant also submits that the six, seven and eight membered ring compounds are structurally (i.e. *prima facie*) non-obvious from the five-membered ring compounds.

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